GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:556
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2002
SALE OF URANIUM BY RUSSIA
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether America has protested the sale of uranium fuel by Russia for atomic power plants of India as reported in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated June 9, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure supply of uranium fuel to atomic power plants of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a), (b) Government have seen reports about protests to Russia by USA within the ambit of the Nuclear Suppliers` Group, of which both are members, about Russia`s supply of uranium fuel to India. However, there has been no protest made to the Government of India.

(c) Government has made adequate arrangements for supply of nuclear fuel for the nuclear power plants in India.